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**AMENDMENT AND  
REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF  
PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119**

Commissioner of Patents  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This instant paper responds to the matters raised in the Office Action mailed December 26,  
2001.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-20, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Add the following claims.

- 21 A porous self-supporting structure comprising a tube having at least two porous components A and B and the porous component B embraces the porous component A, wherein
- i) surfaces of pores of the at least two porous components A and B are provided with chemical moieties for interaction with substances passing the pores and